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FREMONT BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING NILES ROOM

39550 LIBERTY STREET FREMONT, CALIFORNIA 94538 September 17, 2014, 7:00 P.M.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Rene Dalton

2. ROLL CALL:

BPTAC Members (present): Ken Nishimura, Andreas Kadavanich and Alex Cortez

City staff (present): Rene Dalton and Archie Lacanilao

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of January 29, 2014 were approved by Committee members.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- There was a question about the Fremont Blvd extension to Dixon Landing. Mr. Dalton explained that this will include bicycle and pedestrian trails.
- Concerns were raised that once the Fremont Boulevard connection to Dixon Landing Road is opened, vehicular traffic volume is bound to increase on Fremont Blvd, which will make bicycle travel on the section between Cushing Blvd and the new connector more difficult. This is worst along the section from Landing Parkway to Warren Avenue where there are no bike lanes and only one travel lane (currently in bad shape) in the northbound direction
- Some discussion of trail access along the BART extension between the future Irvington BART Station to Auto Mall Parkway, with the BART service road being made available for public use.

5. Fiscal Year 2015-17 Bicycle-Pedestrian Capital Improvement Program/Projects

Mr. Dalton stated that the City is beginning the review process for preparing the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17. BPTAC members and the public have a chance to comment on the proposed bicycle and pedestrian projects and programs that Transportation Engineering staff is considering for the Fiscal Year 2015-2017 CIP. BPTAC members and the public can also send comments or proposed projects to Mr. Dalton by email.

Mr. Dalton presented a list of proposed projects for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years to BPTAC members. Mr. Dalton stated based on approximately \$550,000 in Measure B funds available annually; there are limited funds available for new projects to be programmed. The proposed projects have been selected from the Fremont Bicycle Master Plan, Pedestrian Master Plan, unfunded CIP projects and project requests from the public.

Questions and comments raised by BPTAC members and the public are as follows:

- Consider holding more BPTAC meetings that would provide more opportunities for BPTAC members and the public to provide input of CIP projects and grant projects.
- How can the BPTAC and the public assist staff members in the preparation and submittal of grant projects.
- Consider Way Finding Bike Route Projects.
- Consider projects that remove the free right turn lanes and raised corner islands at signalized intersections.
- Consider projects that would provide connections to the grade separated bike and pedestrian bridge on the west side of Paseo Padre Parkway next to Central Park.
- Consider installation of more bike parking facilities throughout the City and to look into providing incentives for existing private businesses to install bike parking. For example, Suju's Coffee interested in the installation of bike rack(s) but not knowing who to contact at the City.
- How were the projects selected and prioritized?
- What is the status of the Central Park/Union Pacific Railroad/Mission Creek Trail crossing project?
- Consider project to widen Fremont Boulevard for the narrow section between Cushing Parkway and West Warren Avenue.
- Proposed sidewalk bus landing project should include contribution of funds from AC Transit.
- What other documents can the public review to view potential CIP projects.
- What other venues can the public participate in to provide input on potential CIP projects?
- What types of improvements are proposed for the "Citywide Intersection Crossing Improvements" project?
- Consider re-timing the traffic signal light at the intersection of Thornton Avenue/Moraine Street in order to provide bicyclists sufficient crossing times.
- For CIP Item, Green Bike Lanes, consider combining project with existing road resurfacing projects to save costs.

- There was a substantial discussion on needing better bike route signage, especially for routes on the bikeways map. (Note that this is partially addressed by CIP # 102340, slated for 2016. This seems a long-standing complaint, as it is already listed in the Bicycle Master Plan 4.1.7 and 7.4.2 and General Plan 3-2.4.C.) One person also pointed out that there are pathways in the map that are erroneously indicated as bikeways when they are not in fact accessible by bike (a particular example being a section of trail across the empty lot at the northeast corner of Civic Center & Stevenson that is blocked by a gate).
- **6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** CIP Memorandum to BPTAC members dated September 12, 2014.
- 7. **COMMITTEE REFERRALS** None.
- 8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS The terms of two BPTAC members will end on December 31, 2014. Announcement and application to fill the two vacant BPTAC member positions will be posted on the City website in October 2014. Interested persons may also contact Rene Dalton at 510-494-4535 or by e-mail at rdalton@fremont.gov.
- **9. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.